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COLD STORAGE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to build large capacity of cold storages for needy areas;

(b) the current target of building of new cold storages likely to be achieved;

(c) the Government`s long-term target in this area; and

(d) the present level of processing in the food processing sector and the manner in which it is likely to be increase?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): The Government has targeted 12 lakh tonnes capacity for new cold storages, 8 lakh tonnes for modernisation/rehabilitation of old cold storages and 4.5 lakh tonnes of onion storage capacity during IX Plan period. It is expected the targets shall be achieved in full by the end of Plan period as per the scheme on Capital Scheme Subsidy for construction/expansion/modernisation of cold storage and storages for horticultural produce.

(d): At present, about less than 2% of production of fruits and vegetables are processed which is proposed to be raised to about 10% over a period of 10 years through the interventions of Department of Food Processing Industry (DFPI).